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§9–917.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of the following members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Of the members:

(i) 1 shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in the State;

(ii) 1 shall be a veteran appointed from the State at large;

(iii) 1 shall be a woman veteran appointed from the State at large;

(iv) 1 shall be a representative of a retired enlisted organization;

(v) 1 shall be a veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflict, as defined in § 1–202(a–1) of the Public Safety Article;

(vi) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the Governor by each of the following organizations:

1. the American Ex–Prisoners of War, Inc.;
2. the American Legion;
3. the Amvets;
4. the Catholic War Veterans;
5. the Disabled American Veterans;
6. the Fleet Reserve Association;
7. the Jewish War Veterans;
8. the Marine Corps League;

- America;
9. the Maryland Military Officers Association of
  10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
  11. the Polish Legion of American Veterans;
  12. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
  13. the Vietnam Veterans of America;
  14. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;
  15. the National Association for Black Veterans;
  16. the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of
- America; and
17. the Reserve Organization of America; and

(vii) 1 shall be an honorary nonvoting member appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the Governor by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

(b) Each member must be a resident of the State and a veteran.

(c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 5 years.

(2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1984.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(5) When an organization is no longer a part of the Commission, the appointment shall terminate at the end of the current member's term.

(d) A new organization may not be eligible for representation on the Commission, by appointment of the Governor, unless it is congressionally chartered.

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